

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of September 21, 2007 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4, 7-9, 15, 16, 18, and 21-24 were allowed. Claims 10 and 12-14, however, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rouillard, J., *A Multimodal E-Commerce Application Coupling HTML and VoiceXML* (hereinafter Rouillard), in view of Eberman, *et al.*, *Building VoiceXML Browsers With Open VXI* (hereinafter Eberman).

Allowed Independent and Dependent Claims

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough examination of the Application and for correctly noting the allowable subject matter. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections of Claims 10 and 12-14, Applicants nevertheless have cancelled the rejected claims so as to expedite prosecution of the present application by emphasizing certain aspects of the invention. Applicants respectfully note, however, that the cancellation of claims is not intended as, and should not be interpreted as, the surrender of any subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to present the original version of the cancelled claims in any future divisional or continuation applications from the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued with respect to the allowed claims. As already noted, these allowed claims, as stated at page 5 of the Office Action, are independent Claims 1 and 15 along with dependent Claims 2, 4, 7-9, 16, 18, and 21-24.

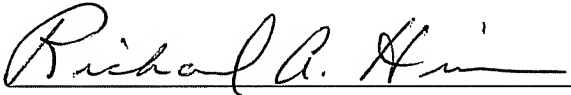
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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